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Statement from Governor Jan Brewer
Continued Efforts to Fight the Wallow Fire

PHOENIX - "I am so thankful for the courageous work of firefighters battling the Wallow Fire and other fires around the state. Their efforts are paying off and I am optimistic that – if the weather will cooperate – we can continue to make headway. It is a testament to the coordinated efforts of state, local and federal authorities – along with volunteers – that a fire as large as the Wallow Fire has not claimed any lives and the evacuation of threatened communities in the White Mountains has been conducted in an orderly fashion. My heart goes out to those families that have lost homes and property due to the Wallow and other fires.

"While progress has been made in fighting these blazes, I remain concerned about the potential for further devastation in the days ahead. Therefore, I have decided to remain in Arizona next week rather than attending an overseas aerospace and defense trade show, as originally planned. At this time, it is appropriate that I remain in Arizona so that I may continue to oversee first-hand the emergency operations being conducted in the White Mountains and elsewhere.

"In my absence, representatives of the Arizona Commerce Authority will attend the Paris Air Show. Their mission will be the same: to meet with executives from some of the world's premier aerospace and defense manufacturers and make them understand what those of us who live here already know – that Arizona is a fantastic place to live and grow a business."

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